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SUBJECT:EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. DORNAN RESOLUTION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HIRC STAFFERS HAVE SUGGESTED TO REPRESENTATIVE DORNAN THAT THE CONCERNS HE HAS EXPRESSED ARE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE DOLE-STONE-KENNEDY ET AL AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL WHICH THE HOUSE ACCEPTED IN CONFERENCE. THEY BELIEVE DORNAN WILL ACCEPT THIS AND NOT PRESS HIS RESOLUTION FURTHER. SHOULD HE DO SO, HOWEVER, HIRC MAY BE FORCED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE RESOLUTION WHEN THE HOUSE RECONVENES.

2. INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE GROC HAS ACCEPTED FOR TEMPORARY ASYLUM 41 ETHNIC VIETNAMESE "BOAT CASE" REFUGEES PICKED UP BY A BRITISH SHIP ON ITS WAY TO TAIWAN. GROC AT FIRST DEMURRED SINCE IN THEIR APRIL NOTE TO US THEY HAD SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT ONLY
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ETHNIC CHINESE, BUT EMBASSY PRESSURE AND HMG ASSURANCES THAT THE 41 REFUGEES WOULD ALL BE RESETTLED WITHIN 3 MONTHS CONVINCED THE ROC TO ADAPT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH.

3. ECONOMIC TALKS IN TAIPEI (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ASSISTANT STR LANDE HAS VISITED TAIPEI FOR THE SECOND

ROUND OF BILATERAL MTN-RELATED TRADE TALKS AND CANDID BUT CORDIAL DISCUSSIONS OF COLOR TV AND MUSHROOM IMPORT PROBLEMS. AT THE END OF A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE COLOR TV ISSUE, LANDE INVITED THE ROC TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER FOR FURTHER TALKS ON THE ISSUE INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A US-ROC COLOR TV ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT. THE MUSHROOM TALKS FOCUSED ON INCONCLUSIVE EXPLANATIONS OF THE LARGE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN ROC EXPORT AND US IMPORT STATISTICS.

4. ROC AND PRC ATTEND THE SAME CONFERENCE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS OPENED IN TOKYO ON AUGUST 23. DELEGATES FROM BOTH THE ROC AND PRC ATTENDED THE OPENING DAY'S SESSIONS, APPARENTLY THE FIRST TIME BOTH CHINAS HAVE PARTICIPATED TOGETHER IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE. (THE ROC IS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES THIS CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD; THE PRC IS NOT). THE PRC PROBABLY DECIDED TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF ITS DETERMINATION TO BROADEN SCIENTIFIC CONTACT IN SUPPORT OF MODERNIZATION EFFORTS. WE ARE WATCHING FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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